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Re: West Lake/Bridgeton Landfill; Public Comment

Dear Mr. Wall:

My name is Mark T. Simpson. I am the owner of the Missouri Asphalt Products, a local St. Louis business located at 13570 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, Missouri. Please add this letter to EPA's public comment file in support of the cleanup plan proposed by EPA.

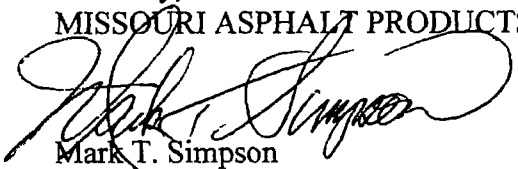
I am aware that some people oppose EPA's plan to place a stronger cap over the radioactive waste at the West Lake Landfill and leave the waste in place. These people want EPA to require a company to dig up the radioactive waste and haul it elsewhere for permanent disposal.

I do not support and urge the EPA not to support a "dig it up and haul it away" plan for the West Lake Landfill. Removing the waste from the landfill would mean uncovering the existing dirt and trash and releasing dust and dirt particles into the air. Hauling over a hundred thousands yards of contaminated material would mean running thousands of more trucks through the landfill and onto St. Charles Rock Road, creating still more dust and dirt and the very real possibility of traffic accidents with the trucks hauling contaminated material on St. Charles Rock Road or on the way to another disposal site.

In addition, a dig and haul remedy would create real risks for local businesses like mine. Digging into the landfill to excavate the radioactive material would produce radioactive dirt and dust, plus the possibility of contaminated stormwater runoff. This dust, and dirt would then be airborne and would leave the landfill property which would not only impact our business but other surrounding businesses and all our employees not to mention the residents of Bridgeton. These new risks are not worth the supposed benefits. If the facts and science are what EPA says they are, please stick with your current plan -place a stronger cap on top of the landfill to make sure the radioactive waste stays in place and make sure someone takes responsibility for the perpetual care of the landfill for generations to come.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,  
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